

# Always use the default scan settings



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## Question

When running a Fortify scan, which settings should I use in answer to the questions "How concerned about security are you," "Are you concerned about code quality," "Is this a J2EE Web application," and "Does this program run with escalated privileges?"

## Answer

When running a Fortify scan, it is important to configure everything properly so no issues are hidden or overlooked. When presented with the following screen, you should always use the default values (highlighted in red):

Advanced Static Analysis

How concerned about security are you?

☒ Show me all issues that may have security implications.

☐ Show me likely problems.

☐ Show me only remotely exploitable issues.

*I am concerned about attacks that can originate from remote and local attackers. This program might be influenced by data sources that have not been verified for data integrity.*

Are you concerned about code quality in addition to security?

☒ Show me all code quality issues.

☐ Show me quality issues that may result in program instability.

☐ No, I don't want to see code quality issues.

*I am concerned about issues that may impact stability or make the code base more difficult to maintain.*

Is this a J2EE Web application?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Does this program run with escalated privileges (i.e. administrator account, root user, account with access to sensitive data, etc.)?

☒ Yes

☐ No

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You should always select those options, even if they do not strictly apply to your project. This will ensure the no vulnerabilities or code quality issues will be hidden. As a reminder, [no issues should ever be hidden or suppressed](#).

## References

- HPE Fortify Audit Workbench Users Guide - Chapter 2: Scanning Projects

HPE Fortify Version	16.11 and later
Programming Language	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C/C++ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> .NET <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Java <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objective-C <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Fortify Audit Workbench	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Fortify IDE Plugin	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Other Fortify Component	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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